

SSV TENNIS CLUB – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
2/26/2024, 3:00 PM, SUMMIT ROOM

1. Welcome and call to order 3:02 p.m.

Attending: EB members President Peg Oberg, Vice-President Ed Jolley, Secretary Judy Sheridan-Christensen, Treasurer Brian Crowe, and Member-at-Large John Berger, plus TC members Jerry Pointer, John Pearce, Larry Delp, Trent Stickell, Lois Stickell, Lorna Kruger, Galen Anderson, Joe Morton, Maureen Morton, Shirley Scaffidi, Sue Hertel, Connie Neuman, Delores Rankin, Skip Turner, Chris Stricklett, Joela Marenda, Ken Landwehr, and Randy Kruger.

2. Minutes of the January 29, 2024 EB meeting were approved as distributed.
3. President Peg suspended the agenda order to discuss the main concern of many of the visitors: Rec teams, and issues which have arisen since the approval of a Men's Blue Rec team, captained by John Pearce. The discussion was wide ranging; some of the points made were:

~Background: The EB and the general membership approved allowing individuals to play on both league and rec teams in January, after some captains needed rec players to fill lines on league teams.

~Previously we were one of the few EVSTL teams which did NOT allow dual play.

~ The Men's Blue Rec team, sanctioned by the EB on 1/29/2024, is not following the Blue Rec criteria by including players under 3.5 level on the team.

~The current men's blue Rec has many league players. Are these players unfairly getting more reserved time than others?

~There was concern about Blue Rec blocking off up to four courts at a time others have customarily been able to get courts. This is especially an issue at the 10:00 am slot. John Pearce noted that he has released courts whenever they would not all be used.

~Current rec teams players likely are not strictly within the specified levels of the teams, since many have not been evaluated since joining rec, and may have declined or improved in skill level. Skip Turner, Men's White Rec captain, emphasized that, whether strictly within the rules or not, teams need compatibility in their skill levels for enjoyable play.

~Rec Captains, according to our Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures, are the ones to evaluate players and keep their teams within the skill level designations. Not an easy job!

~ Maureen was complimented for welcoming and friendly leadership of Women's White Rec.

~Is this primarily an issue of court usage and time slots?

~Randy and Ed both made the point that we need to look at more creative ways to get courts in use, including more strictly ensuring that league captains release courts not used.

~Ed said we need to have a proper proposal to address the issue to bring to the membership at the beginning of next year.

~Peg appointed a committee of all the rec captains, Lois Hoffman, Maureen Morton, Connie Neuman, Skip Turner, and John Pearce, plus Ed and Les Fahey to meet and draft a proposal.

4. Returning to the agenda, the President, Vice President and Secretary had nothing to report.
5. Treasurer Brian reported that we had over \$40,00 in available cash, that we spent \$14,091 in February on approved expenses, and currently have 242 members, with 19 new this year.

6. Member-at-Large John reported on a problem that hit our 4.0 women this year when the SVE 4.0 women split into two small teams, so our women had only 2 lines to play when SVE was the opponent. He suggested that SSV propose a rule that teams have a minimum of 16 members to split into two teams. John moved that SSV bring this proposal to EVSTL, Judy seconded the motion and it passed.
7. A member has voiced concern about playing at VDO due to their artificial turf being slippery. The EB does not feel it is SSV's prerogative to object to another club's courts. Also, Judy has consulted with two VDO captains, who advised all players to wear shoes with good grips, not court shoes. Peg asked Ed to put that in the advice to captains for next year.
8. Kitchen lock-up is still a problem. Ed will once again remind members what to do.
9. Peg announced that there will be representatives of the Veterans Club at our next meeting to present "Packages from Home." TC members will be invited to contribute at that time.
10. Brian advised he will have a "break even" budget for 2024-25 out to the EB soon for comments. He will present the budget to the membership for approval. Incoming treasurer Lois Stickell has been working with Brian on budget.
11. Move up/move down policy was discussed. We noted that the EVSTL has suspended its mandatory moves for this season, and all Tenniscotes members were notified of this by EVSTL on December 13, 2023.
SSV TC has two paths to move up/down, both OPTIONAL for this year. One is the challenge match, which is delineated in Article VI of the Standing Rules. The other is the statistical method passed by the EB on 1/29/2024 and announced to the membership on 2/6/2024. Jerry presented a chart of members who are presently eligible to move up through statistics, and members who meet the criteria to request a challenge match. After the last league match has been played, and statistics are final, the EB members will contact each member who qualifies to move up through statistics and ask if they wish to move. Peg will contact 2.0 members, Judy 2.5, Brian 3.0, Ed 3.5, and John 4.0.
Jerry presented a form for members who wish to request a challenge match. Ed will notify captains of the procedure.
12. There will again be a wine social after the next general meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Sheridan-Christensen, TC Secretary